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1. FOLLOWING ARE FULL TEXTS OF STATEMENTS BY ROMULO AND AMBASSADOR MANGILA REGARDING LATTER'S MISSION TO HANOI. STATEMENTS WERE ISSUED AS PRESS RELEASES AUGUST 14. MANGILA DID NOT RPT NOT PERSONALLY MEET WITH PRESS.

2. TEXT OF ROMULO STATEMENT: QUOTE

I RECEIVED THE REPORT OF AMBASSADOR MANGILA THIS MORNING (THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST) AND SUBMITTED IT IMMEDIATELY TO THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS PERUSAL AND STUDY. AMBASSADOR MANGILA ARRIVED IN MANILA LATE LAST NIGHT. I HAVE ASKED HIM TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO HIS TRIP TO HANOI. END QUOTE.

3. TEXT OF MANGILA STATEMENT: QUOTE

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I ARRIVED LAST NIGHT (WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST) FROM HANOI

VIA VIENTIANE AND BANGKOK AND HAVE SUBMITTED MY REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT THROUGH SECRETARY ROMULO. FROM CONTACTS MADE IN HANOI, I HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE THAT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (NORTH VIETNAM) IS NOT SELLING ARMS TO FILIPINO MUSLIM SUBVERSIVES, AND APPARENTLY HAS NO INTENTION OF DOING SO, ALTHOUGH HANOI HAS AN EXCESS OF ARMS AND NEEDS MONEY FOR INTERNAL RECONSTRUCTION PURPOSES.

I HAVE A SERIES OF TALKS WITH HANOI'S VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS, MR. NGUYEN CO THACH, AND IT WAS MY IMPRESSION THAT HE AND HANOI AUTHORITIES KNEW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT PRESIDENT MARCOS AND THE WORK HE WAS DOING FOR THE PHILIPPINES. HE SAID THEY WERE AWARE ESPECIALLY OF THE PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION. I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT HANOI HAS GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE ON THE PRG TO ENSURE THE PERSONAL SAFETY OF FILIPINOS WHO ARE STILL IN SAIGON. I WAS TOLD THAT HANOI WOULD SEE TO IT THAT THE DEPARTURE OF FILIPINOS DESIRING REPATRIATION TO THE PHILIPPINES WOULD BE FACILITATED.

MY PERSONAL IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, GATHERED FROM FILIPINOS IN VIENTIANE WHO HAD RECENTLY LEFT SAIGON IS THAT THERE ARE NOT TOO MANY FILIPINOS WHO WISH TO BE REPATRIATED. MANY OF THEM HAVE FOUND EMPLOYMENT IN THE NEW FACTORIES BEING ESTABLISHED BY THE PRG AUTHORITIES IN SAIGON. HANOI AUTHORITIES TOLD ME THEY WOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE PHILIPPINES WHEN SAIGON IS READY TO NEGOTIATE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS.

REGARDING MY CONVERSATIONS WITH DRV AUTHORITIES ON OTHER MATTERS, MY FULL REPORT IS WITH THE PRESIDENT. UNTIL HE SHALL HAVE READ THE REPORT, I FEEL I CANNOT MAKE ANY COMMENT ON IT.

MY DESTINATION WAS SAIGON BUT IN VIENTIANE I FOUND OUT THAT THERE WAS NO WAY TO GO TO SAIGON EXCEPT THROUGH HANOI. IN ANY EVENT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR TO VIENTIANE TOLD ME TO PROCEED TO HANOI WHERE THE AUTHORITIES RECEIVED ME. END QUOTE
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